

REMARKS

In light of the amendments above and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19-23, and 26-31 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 6, 9, 10, 18, 24, 25, 32, and 33 are canceled. Applicants reserve the right to present the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

In the Final Office Action of May 19, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 18-20, 25, and 26 based on prior art. In response thereto, Applicant presented arguments directed toward the patentability of these claims as well as the remaining claims in view of the prior art applied by the Examiner. In response, the Examiner indicated that claims 6, 7, 10, 11, 18-20, 25, and 26 contained allowable subject matter and withdrew the rejection to these claims. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for her time and consideration in this matter and for indicating that these claims contain allowable subject matter over the prior art applied by the Examiner.

Accordingly, independent claims 1, 8, 17, and 23 have been amended herein to include the features of claims 6, 10, 18, and 25 and any intervening claims respectively. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 8, 17, and 23, as well as claims 3-5, 7, 11-16, 19-22, and 26-31 which depend therefrom, are believed to be allowable over the prior art applied by the Examiner.

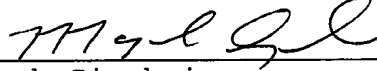
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested

that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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